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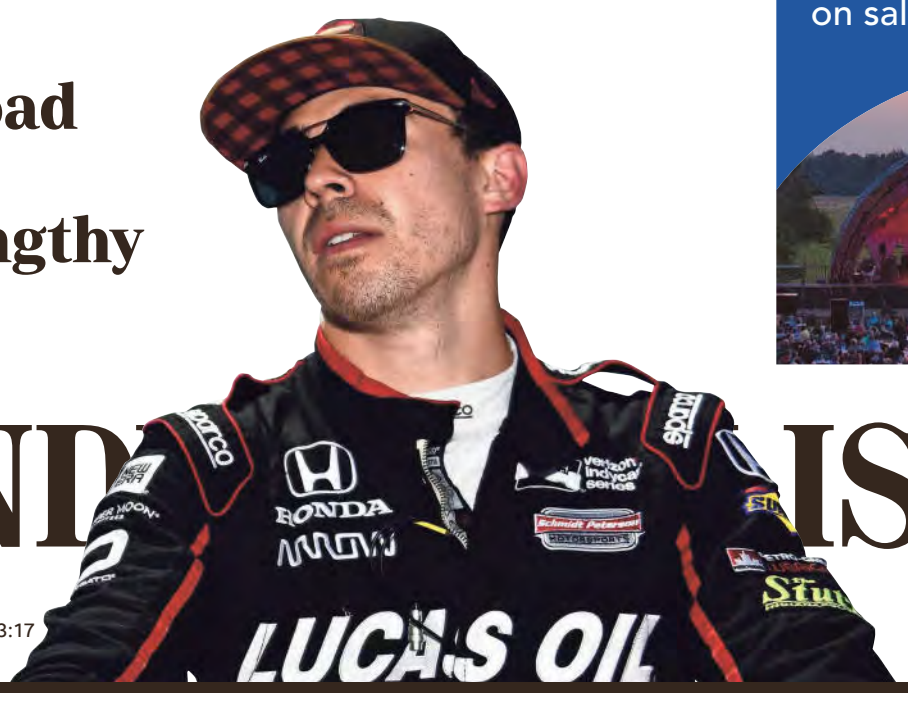

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Grant helps, but state says voting security will cost more

Official says she can't afford a voter-verifiable paper trail

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Just months ahead of the midterm election, Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced Indiana will use more than $7.5 million in federal funds to enhance the state's election security and test for vulnerabilities.

But her plans don't include upgrading Indiana's voting machines that don't produce a voter-verifiable paper trail – something that election security advocates have been pushing for.

Lawson said there just isn't enough money to make that change.

"The Secretary of State's office will coordinate and plan with the Indiana General Assembly for future replacement of voting equipment since the required budget to replace direct-recording electronic voting machines without a voter-verified paper trail requires a larger amount than the available 2018 HAVA Elections Security Grant Funds," Lawson said in a letter to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Indiana was among 55 territories and states to

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School choice has its limits

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Nearly all of Indiana's more than 1 million school-age children live within 30 minutes of a highly rated school option, according to new research released Wednesday.

But about 10,400 students – most of them in rural areas – aren't so lucky.

EdChoice, the Indianapolis-based nonprofit that advocates for increased school choice options, mapped the state's highly rated schools and found all but around 3,700 primary school students – those in grades kindergarten through eight – and fewer than 6,700 high school-aged students live within 30 minutes of at least one such option.

All students live within 45 minutes of a highly rated school.

The report defines a highly rated school as one that received an "A" on the state letter grade system.

Drew Catt, EdChoice's director of state research and special projects, said they don't see letter grades as the ultimate measure of school quality, but that the metric provides a consistent way to look at various kinds of schools. And, despite criticisms of school letter grades,

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Michael Cohen acknowledged violating campaign finance laws. RICHARD DREW/AP

Trump hit by Cohen deal, Manafort ruling

As ex-aides face jail, president is under pressure

Paul Manafort

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump suffered back-to-back legal blows Tuesday after a whiplash series of court dramas that left his former campaign chairman and his former personal fixer facing jail time.

As the president flew to West Virginia for a rally, a federal jury in Virginia found his former campaign manager, Paul Manafort, guilty on eight felony charges. Standing in a New York courtroom minutes later, longtime Trump attorney Michael Cohen acknowledged violating campaign finance laws and said he did so at Trump's direction.

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> **"It's obviously not a happy day for the president."**
>
> **Renato Mariotti**
> Defense lawyer and former federal prosecutor

Body located, man arrested in Tibbetts case

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The mystery surrounding Mollie Tibbetts' disappearance lifted Tuesday with word that a body fitting her description had been found in a cornfield, and an undocumented immigrant who allegedly followed her while she jogged near Brooklyn had been charged with her murder.

Mollie Tibbetts

The news shattered hopes in the small central Iowa town that the smiling 20-year-old featured on thousands of red-lettered "Missing" posters would somehow be found safe.

Authorities said Cristhian Bahena Rivera, 24, admitted following and then confronting the University of Iowa student while she jogged on July 18, but he claimed he blacked out after that.

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Agent Rick Rahn said after his admission, Rivera led law officers to the body, which was hidden beneath cornstalks in a field outside the town of Guernsey. Rivera

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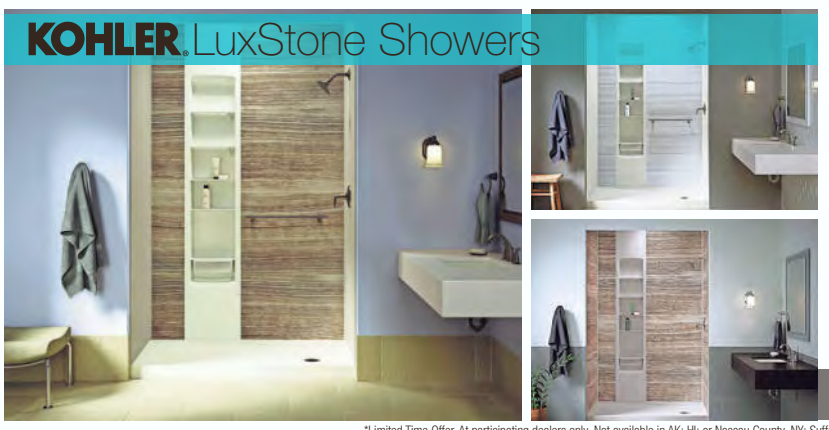

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